

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over a combination of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art and Kawaguchi, et al. (US 5,677,501). Claim 20 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Kawaguchi, et al., and Yoshiya (JP 02-161934).

Claims 5-16 and 18-19 were allowed. Claim 21 was objected to as allowable if amended into independent form.

Claims 1-4 have been cancelled.

Independent claim 20 has been amended with the limitations of allowable claim 21. There are no intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 20 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call Craig Summerfield at (312) 321-4726.

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